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House Bill 5554 (As Passed House)

Topic: Green Schools
Sponsor: Representative Hune
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Committee: House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment
Senate Natural Resources and Environment

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The bill adds a new section to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create a green school program. A school is eligible to receive a designation if the school meets 10 of 20 criteria listed in the bill, including recycling paper, adopting an endangered species animal, instituting an energy savings program, having a birdhouse habitat project, conducting energy audits of classrooms and making improvements, recycle printer cartridges, observes Earth Day, and sets a goal of 5% less energy usage in the school and works with local power utilities to accomplish goal. The county is required to designate a department of the county or the intermediate school district of the county to accept and consider applications for designation.